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SUBJECT: FRG BRIEFING ON GUILLAUME'S ACCESS TO
CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

1. MINISTER CALLED ON FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR, VAN
WELL, MAY 6 AT LATTER'S REQUEST FOR WHAT TURNED OUT TO
BE ACCOUNTING OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL DIRECTLY INVOLVING
U.S. INTERESTS TO WHICH GDR SPY GUILLAUME HAD ACCESS.
VAN WELL ASKED US TO KEEP FACT AND SUBSTANCE OF THIS
ACCOUNTING CONFIDENTIAL. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH
CHANCELLERY, VAN WELL PERSONALLY REVIEWED MATERIAL, ALL
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OF WHICH STEMMED FROM JULY 1973. HE CONCLUDED NONE WAS

NOW OF OPERATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DAMAGE WAS MINIMAL
OR NONEXISTENT.

2. AS BRANDT'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT FOR PARTY MATTERS,
GUILLAUME DID NOT NORMALLY HAVE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED
FOREIGN POLICY PAPERS, ACCORDING TO VAN WELL. HOWEVER,
GUILLAUME WAS ONLY PERSONAL ASSISTANT WHO ACCOMPANIED
BRANDT ON VACATION TO NORWAY IN JULY 1973 AND WAS THUS
ABLE TO SEE DOCUMENTS RELAYED TO CHANCELLOR FROM BONN.
ACCORDING TO VAN WELL'S ACCOUNTING, THE ONES IN WHICH
U.S. INTERESTS OR INPUT WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WERE:

(A) LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO BRANDT, JULY 3.

(B) BRANDT'S REPLY, JULY 6.

(C) PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO BRANDT, JULY 18.

(D) BRANDT'S REPLY, JULY 26.

(E) SUMMARY FONOFF REPORT ON SCHEEL'S CONVERSATIONS
IN WASHINGTON, JULY 11-12.

(F) SUMMARY REPORT ON DEFMIN LEBER'S CONVERSATIONS
IN WASHINGTON, JULY 17-18.

(G) REPORT FROM FRG AMBASSADOR KRAPF ON BRIEFING
PRESIDENT GAVE NATO AMBASSADORS IN SAN
CLEMENTE.

3. VAN WELL NOTED THAT THESE DOCUMENTS PRIMARILY CON-
TAINED DISCUSSION OF U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS IN WAKE OF
KISSINGER SPEECH OF APRIL 23, AND AS SUCH CONSTITUTED
STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY. MOST OF
THIS SUBJECT MATTER HAD GRADUALLY BECOME KNOWN DURING
INTERVENING TIME. SCHEEL AND LEBER CONVERSATIONS IN
WASHINGTON ALSO INVOLVED DISCUSSION OF US-USSR AGREEMENT
ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, INCLUDING U.S. ASSURANCES

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THAT THIS AGREEMENT DID NOT ALTER OR AFFECT NATO DOCTRINE. DOCUMENTS REVEALED SOMETHING OF FRG'S VIEWS ON MBFR NEGOTIATING POSITION AT THAT TIME, NOTABLY STRONG FRG DESIRE THAT INITIAL REDUCTION PHASE INCLUDE INDIGENOUS AS WELL AS STATIONED FORCES.

4. VAN WELL SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE BRIEFING BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS ON THOSE PARTS OF DOCUMENTS THAT CONCERNED THEM. ALSO INVOLVED WERE REPORTS SENT TO BRANDT ON A TRIP WHICH FONOFF PLANNING CHIEF BRUNNER MADE TO PARIS AND LONDON TO BRIEF FRENCH AND BRITISH ON SCHEEL'S TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

5. MINISTER DESCRIBED AS FALSE BRIEF NYT ITEM WITH
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BONN DATELINE IN MAY 6 EDITION OF PARIS TRIBUNE STATING THAT WHITE HOUSE HAD INSTRUCTED THIS EMBASSY TO FIND OUT

WHAT "ATLANTIC ALLIANCE SECRETS" MIGHT HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO GDR BY GUILLAUME. VAN WELL INDICATED HIS ACCOUNTING NOT IN ANY WAY PROMPTED BY THAT PRESS REPORT, WHICH HE APPARENTLY HAD NOT SEEN.

6. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW IT IS NAIVE OF FONOFF TO ASSUME THAT GUILLAUME HAD NO ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED FOREIGN POLICY PAPERS EXCEPT DURING THE NORWAY VISIT, BUT OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN HE MIGHT HAVE HAD SUCH ACCESS ARE OBVIOUSLY MUCH HARDER TO ISOLATE. IN ANY EVENT, MORE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE UNDOUBTEDLY STEMS FROM HIS HAVING BEEN PART OF INTIMATE CIRCLE IN WHICH MUCH INTERESTING INFORMATION INEVITABLY REACHED HIM BY WORD OF MOUTH. HILLENBRAND

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